

MEETING MINUTES

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Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Executive Committee
Date: January 19, 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m. ET
Location: Virtual meeting via ZOOM webinar

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, January 19, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. ET. The meeting occurred virtually via ZOOM webinar. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ROLL CALL

All committee members were in attendance: CB Akins, Kellie Ellis, Eric Farris, Karyn Hoover, and Madison Silvert.

Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 17, 2023, Committee meeting were approved as distributed.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN REVISION

Mr. Travis Powell, Vice President and General Counsel, presented the staff recommendations to KSU's management improvement plan. They included use of a standardized monthly reporting template and a revision to two management plan objectives.

The transition to a standardized monthly reporting format will facilitate staff's efforts to monitor and evaluate the university's progress toward meeting financial goals and completing objectives in the management plan. Reporting would begin with the February 2024 report and continue through the November 1, 2025, monitoring period established in HB 250 or until revised by the Council. This report will be included in the Council's monthly update on KSU's financial status provided to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) per HB 250.

Staff also recommended a revision to the two objectives in the management improvement plan, in order to align the deliverables with a more appropriate calendar for financial reporting.

- 5.2.7 Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Change deliverable from monthly to quarterly.
- 5.2.8 Statement of Net Position – Change deliverable from monthly to quarterly.

MOTION: Mr. Farris moved the Executive Committee approve the staff recommendations of a standardized monthly reporting template and revisions to two management plan objectives and recommended final approval by the Council at its January 19, 2024, meeting. Rev. Akins seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

COUNCIL BYLAWS

Mr. Powell reminded the committee members that the Council bylaws were last amended in 2020 and opened the floor for discussion, which centered on potential revisions to board meeting attendance and engagement, enhancing onboarding of new board members, and committee participation. The chair asked staff to draft language that incorporates suggestions to present at a future meeting.

CPE PRESIDENT UPDATE

President Thompson provided a general update on conversations occurring in response to filings during the 2024 legislative session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Committee members discussed the topic of mental health that was one of three discussed at the annual joint meeting of the Council, the Board of Student Body Presidents, and the campus Presidents. Dr. Ellis stated that faculty do not receive enough training to recognize when students are in crisis and asked if this is something that could be addressed at the state level. Chair Silvert also stated he'd like the addition of a student report added to every business meeting agenda, so student concerns are front and center at every meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:45 a.m., ET.